

JOHN MARSHALL HOUSE "OAK HILL"
FAUQUIER COUNTY, VIRGINIA
NEAR MARSHALL

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JOHN MARSHALL HOUSE
or
Oak Hill
Near Marshall, Fauquier County
Virginia

Owner: Mr. Alvin Baird.

Dates of Erection: Small house, 1773; large house, 1816 (see index card).

Architect and Builder: No record.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: Small house, 1 1/2; large house, 2.

Materials of Construction: Small house, wood; large house, brick and stucco.

Other Existing Records: See text.¹

Additional Data: See following pages.

¹ See the following reference:
Lancaster, R.A., Jr., Historic Virginia Homes and Churches,
383. Date given is 1773.

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HISTORICAL DATA

Oak Hill was the home of Chief Justice John Marshall from 1755 to 1835. The older and smaller house of seven rooms was built in 1773 by John Marshall's father, Colonel Thomas Marshall (1730 to 1802), an Officer in the Revolution, and was given by him to his son John, who owned Oak Hill the rest of his life and frequently occupied it.

At his death it passed to his son, Thomas Marshall, a member of the Virginia Convention of 1829, who added to the original house another house connected by a small passageway. This second house shows the influence of and the great interest taken in classical art and literature at that time.

The property is now owned by Mr. Alvin Baird.

Reference: Historic Virginia Homes and Churches
by Robert A. Lancaster, Jr.

The Greek Doric porch, which is apparent in the photographs, as well as the back porch, the wall garden and the terraces, was added recently by the present owner. The house has been drawn prior to the addition of this porch from data obtained from a water color drawing made in 1850, a photograph of which appears in a four volume work on the Chief Justice.

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Reference: Thomas A. Fransioli, Jr. This property
is located on State Highway #55, about four miles
west of Marshall.

Philip R. Lane

Reviewed 1986, H.C.F.